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MEMORANDUM FOR

Henry Kissinger

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The desertion rates in the South Vietnamese armed forces has been raised on several occasions, but little seems to be done about it. I gather from Mel Laird that it really gets down in great part to a question of adequate pay and other financial incentives. If this is the case would this be an area where we ought to pay more now even though it means increasing the budget substantially in order to prepare the way for further reductions we are going to make later?

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